

virtue of enhanced awareness and greater application of Pap smear technology once this measure is enacted. Furthermore, generations of women will be able to experience more wholesome and productive lives devoid of cervical cancer.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 309, recognizing the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

According to the National HPV & Cervical Cancer Campaign, each year approximately 12,900 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer, with 4,400 dying from this dreadful disease.

Mr. Speaker, I rise not to cite statistics, important though they are, but rather to talk about how cervical cancer affected my life. I lost my mother to this dreaded disease.

I can remember the great strength and courage my beloved mother showed even though she was in great pain as she battled for her life.

When she passed away, medical breakthroughs to detect cervical cancer were still far in the future. However, as science progressed we were able to identify that the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) causes this disease and, better yet, able to create tests for early detection. If detected early enough, most women have a good chance of defeating this disease, and living long productive lives.

Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of this resolution. I urge our health care facilities to help raise public awareness about the importance of early cervical cancer screening. In addition, I urge all citizens to learn about cervical cancer, and the importance of early detection.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before you and my colleagues in support of H. Con. Res. 309, which recognizes the importance of good cervical health and its early detection.

Cervical cancer is nearly 100 percent preventable, yet according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer will be diagnosed in 2002 and about 4,100 women will die of the disease. The good news is that cervical cancer is preventable and curable if it is detected early; in fact, the occurrence of deaths from cervical cancer has declined significantly over the last 20 to 30 years.

Screening younger women using the Pap test is an importance strategy that can actually prevent cervical cancer from developing almost 100% of the time. Research and studies have been found to note that minority populations and persons of low socioeconomic status are affected disproportionately as well.

Early detection of cervical cancer can be the first major victory in the fight against cancer. Research is being done to develop a vaccine, but in the meantime, early detection is the key. The primary purpose of the Pap test screening program is to detect abnormal cellular changes that are not yet cancer. These changes, and very early invasive cancer, are virtually 100% curable. When preventative tests are used following an abnormal Pap test, the rate of detection of cervical cancer can be increased. The majority of deaths from cervical cancer are unnecessary and preventable. The key is early detection.

Mr. Speaker, my message is simple. Go for screening! I encourage women to make their

January calendars each year with this message. With early detection and prevention, no woman need die from cervical cancer.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 309.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### 2002 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY TOWARD SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-216)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 106 of title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-200), I am providing a report prepared by my Administration entitled, the 2002 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 20, 2002.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BASS) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT STAFF ASSISTANT OF HONORABLE ED BRYANT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Woody Parker, district staff assistant of the Honorable ED BRYANT, Member of Congress:

CLARKSVILLE, TN,  
April 24, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House that I have received a subpoena for testimony issued by the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Tennessee.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

WOODY PARKER,  
District Staff Assistant.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on the following motions to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

House Concurrent Resolution 314, by the yeas and nays;

House Concurrent Resolution 165, by the yeas and nays; and

House Concurrent Resolution 309, by the yeas and nays.

Votes on the remaining motions to suspend the rules considered earlier today will be taken tomorrow.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

#### AMVETS NATIONAL CHARTER DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 314.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 314, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 360, nays 0, not voting 74, as follows:

[Roll No. 171]

YEAS—360

Abercrombie  
Ackerman  
Aderholt  
Akin  
Allen  
Andrews  
Armey  
Baca  
Bachus  
Baird

Baldacci  
Baldwin  
Ballenger  
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Bartlett  
Barton  
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Berkley  
Berman  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Blumenauer  
Blunt  
Boehrlert